Interview of Frank Camper regarding terrorist activities

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the interview given by Mr. Frank Camper, who runs a mercenary school in the United States, to the Illustrated Weekly of India with regard to the circumstances of the explosion of the Air India Jet Kanishka and other terrorist activities ;

(b) if so, what were the details of his interview; and

(c) how far his statements made in the interview were correct and what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the interview, Frank Camper claims to have warned the Indian Consulate in New York several times about the Sikh terrorist's intention to blow up Air India planes. He also claims to have passed on information to FBI relating to extremist's plan to assassinate the Indian Prime Minister and Haryana Chief Minister Shri Bhajan Lal, sabotage of railway system and nuclear installation creating chaos and instability in India, and blowing up of aircraft.

(c) No such warning has been given to the Indian Consulate in New York at any time. Frank Camper has himself stated that he had no specific information that Air India 182 or any other Air India Plane was going to be hit, during an interview on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation at 7-28 P.M. on September 10, 1985.

The details of the mercenary training school in Alabama run by Frank Camper were discussed extensively in the Rajya Sabha. A statement was also made by the Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs in response to a Calling Attention Notice in the Rajya Sabha on Thursday the 25th July, 1985. Government have nothing further to add.

US offer of military ties with India

1867. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that US has offered to develop close military ties with India ;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard stating the fields in which such ties have been sought by US; and

(c) what action the Government of India have taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Seeking of conversion kits of boeing 707 by Pakistan

1868. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 2nd October, 1985 regarding Pakistan's seeking conversion kits to make Boeing 707 passenger aircraft, presently being